



## Change in Quality of Life in Neighborhood

*Question 5: Overall, in the past year, would you say that your neighborhood has become a better place to live, is about the same, or has become worse?*

2001 DEMOGRAPHIC VARIANCES																			
	<i>OCT. 1999 SAMPLE (N = 1509)</i>	<i>JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)</i>	GENDER		AGE				ETHNICITY		ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME					LENGTH OF ABQ. RESIDENCY			
			<i>MALE</i>	<i>FEMALE</i>	<i>18 TO 34 YEARS</i>	<i>35 TO 49 YEARS</i>	<i>50 TO 64 YEARS</i>	<i>65 YEARS AND OVER</i>	<i>HISPANIC</i>	<i>ANGLO</i>	<i>LESS</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>	<i>\$35,000</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>	<i>\$75,000</i>	<i>5 YEARS OR LESS</i>	<i>6 TO 9 YEARS</i>	<i>10 TO 19 YEARS</i>	<i>20 YEARS OR MORE</i>
											<i>THAN \$20,000</i>	<i>TO \$35,000</i>	<i>TO \$50,000</i>	<i>TO \$75,000</i>	<i>OR MORE</i>				
Better place	16%	<b>21%</b>	22%	20%	23%	21%	20%	19%	24%	18%	23%	19%	20%	18%	21%	28%	23%	17%	20%
About the same	65%	<b>61%</b>	63%	60%	60%	61%	60%	66%	57%	65%	51%	62%	66%	58%	71%	55%	61%	71%	60%
Worse place	17%	<b>16%</b>	13%	18%	14%	18%	18%	13%	17%	15%	22%	17%	13%	23%	7%	11%	16%	11%	19%
Don't know/won't say	2%	<b>2%</b>	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	6%	-	1%	1%

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Better place	16%	21%	27%	21%	19%	21%	18%	27%	21%	13%	26%	17%	21%	13%	21%	25%	
About the same	65%	61%	54%	61%	59%	67%	68%	45%	66%	76%	58%	66%	55%	72%	69%	49%	
Worse place	17%	16%	17%	16%	20%	12%	11%	26%	12%	10%	13%	16%	21%	15%	10%	24%	
Don't know/won't say	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	

Area residents are somewhat divided in their opinions of the changes taking place in their neighborhood. While 21% feel their neighborhood has become a better place to live in the past year, 16% feel it is a worse place to live and the large majority (61%) feel it is about the same.

*CPA:* Approximately one-quarter of residents living in the Central Albuquerque CPA (26%) and Southwest Mesa/South Valley CPA (24%) feel their neighborhood has become a worse place to live over the past year. Interestingly, these residents are also among those most likely to feel Albuquerque has become a better place to live.

*Ethnicity:* Hispanics are more likely to feel their neighborhood has become a better place to live in the past year than are Anglos (24% and 18%, respectively).

*Comparison to Previous Study:* Residents are now more apt to say their neighborhood has become a better place to live than was observed in the previous study (21% and 16%, respectively).



## Evaluation of Quality of Life in Neighborhood

Question 6: How would you rate the quality of life in your neighborhood? Would you say it is excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor?

## 2001 DEMOGRAPHIC VARIANCES

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			MALE	FEMALE	18 TO 34	35 TO 49	50 TO 64	65 YEARS	HISPANIC	ANGLO	LESS	\$20,000	\$35,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	5 YEARS	6 TO 9	10 TO 19	20 YEARS
					YEARS	YEARS	YEARS	AND OVER			THAN	TO	TO	TO	OR MORE	OR LESS	YEARS	YEARS	OR MORE
5 - Excellent	22%	<b>20%</b>	20%	20%	16%	19%	23%	23%	15%	24%	12%	13%	21%	25%	35%	26%	15%	21%	18%
4 - Good	54%	<b>57%</b>	57%	56%	57%	55%	58%	57%	53%	59%	52%	59%	61%	56%	56%	56%	60%	60%	56%
3 - Fair	18%	<b>15%</b>	15%	15%	19%	15%	13%	13%	21%	11%	18%	21%	11%	13%	6%	12%	15%	10%	18%
2 - Poor	4%	<b>4%</b>	3%	5%	5%	5%	3%	2%	6%	2%	8%	4%	3%	3%	1%	3%	6%	3%	4%
1 - Very poor	1%	<b>1%</b>	*	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	*	-	1%	1%	-	*	1%
Don't know/won't say	1%	<b>3%</b>	4%	2%	3%	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	8%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	5%	6%	3%
MEAN †	3.9	<b>3.9</b>	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.8	4.1	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.9

## 2001 DEMOGRAPHIC VARIANCES

	OCT. 1999 SAMPLE (N = 1509)	JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)	EDUCATION					COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA										SW MESA/ SOUTH VALLEY
			SOME H.S.	H.S.	SOME COLL/	COLL	GRAD. WORK OR	CENTRAL	WEST-	FOOT-	MID-	EAST	NEAR	NORTH	NORTH			
			OR LESS	GRAD.	ASSOC.	GRAD.	DEGREE	ABO	SIDE	HILLS	HEIGHTS	GATEWAY	HEIGHTS	ABO.	VALLEY			
5 - Excellent	22%	20%	12%	17%	20%	23%	33%	12%	24%	38%	23%	18%	11%	24%	15%	12%		
4 - Good	54%	57%	60%	57%	56%	57%	56%	55%	62%	53%	62%	64%	47%	64%	58%	49%		
3 - Fair	18%	15%	15%	18%	17%	13%	9%	18%	13%	8%	12%	15%	17%	8%	23%	27%		
2 - Poor	4%	4%	9%	4%	4%	2%	1%	13%	1%	-	2%	3%	6%	3%	5%	10%		
1 - Very poor	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	1%	-	2%	-	1%	-	-	3%		
Don't know/won't say	1%	3%	2%	4%	3%	5%	2%	-	-	-	-	1%	19%	2%	-	-		
MEAN †	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.2	3.6	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.0	3.8	4.1	3.8	3.6		

\* Less than 1% reported.

† The mean score is derived by taking the average score based on the five-point scale. The excellent response is assigned a value of 5, the good response is assigned a value of 4, etc. The "don't know/won't say" responses are excluded from the calculation of the mean.



Just over three-quarters of city residents feel the quality of life in their neighborhood is either *good* (57%) or *excellent* (20%). Fifteen percent characterize the quality of life in their neighborhood as being *fair* while 5% give either *poor* or *very poor* ratings.

*Ethnicity:* Anglos (83%) are more apt than Hispanics (68%) to rate the quality of life in their neighborhood as being either *good* or *excellent*.

*CPA:* Residents in the Foothills are more likely than others to rate their quality of life as being *excellent* (38%). Residents living in the Near Heights (11%), Central Albuquerque (12%) and Southwest Mesa/South Valley (12%) are least inclined to feel the quality of life in their neighborhood is *excellent*.

*Comparison to Previous Study:* Overall, there has been not been a significant change in residents' perception of the quality of life in their neighborhood since the previous study conducted in 1999.

## Perceived 'Sense of Neighborhood'

*Question 7: Please rate anywhere between 5 and 1 how strongly you agree that there is a 'sense of neighborhood' where you live, where 5 means strongly agree and 1 means strongly disagree.*

	<i>JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)</i>	GENDER		AGE				ETHNICITY		ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME					LENGTH OF ABQ. RESIDENCY			
		<i>MALE</i>	<i>FEMALE</i>	<i>18 TO 34 YEARS</i>	<i>35 TO 49 YEARS</i>	<i>50 TO 64 YEARS</i>	<i>65 YEARS AND OVER</i>	<i>HISPANIC</i>	<i>ANGLO</i>	<i>LESS THAN \$20,000</i>	<i>\$20,000 TO \$35,000</i>	<i>\$35,000 TO \$50,000</i>	<i>\$50,000 TO \$75,000</i>	<i>\$75,000 OR MORE</i>	<i>5 YEARS OR LESS</i>	<i>6 TO 9 YEARS</i>	<i>10 TO 19 YEARS</i>	<i>20 YEARS OR MORE</i>
				<i>YEARS</i>	<i>YEARS</i>	<i>YEARS</i>				<i>\$20,000</i>	<i>\$35,000</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>	<i>\$75,000</i>	<i>OR MORE</i>	<i>OR LESS</i>	<i>YEARS</i>	<i>YEARS</i>	<i>OR MORE</i>
5 - Strongly agree	<b>20%</b>	16%	24%	12%	19%	24%	28%	21%	19%	21%	14%	20%	17%	21%	16%	18%	17%	23%
4	<b>27%</b>	29%	26%	32%	25%	26%	27%	26%	28%	24%	24%	26%	35%	35%	28%	34%	30%	26%
3	<b>31%</b>	33%	29%	34%	32%	30%	26%	32%	31%	30%	34%	35%	29%	29%	31%	35%	32%	30%
2	<b>12%</b>	13%	11%	12%	13%	10%	10%	11%	12%	13%	14%	11%	10%	10%	12%	7%	12%	12%
1 - Strongly disagree	<b>8%</b>	7%	8%	7%	8%	9%	6%	9%	7%	10%	10%	6%	6%	4%	8%	6%	6%	8%
Don't know/won't say	<b>2%</b>	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	4%	-	4%	2%
<i>MEAN †</i>	<b>3.4</b>	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.4

	JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)	EDUCATION					COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA										SW MESA/ SOUTH VALLEY
		SOME H.S. OR LESS	H.S. GRAD.	SOME COLL/ ASSOC.	COLL GRAD.	GRAD. WORK OR DEGREE	CENTRAL ABQ	WEST- SIDE	FOOT- HILLS	MID- HEIGHTS	EAST GATEWAY	NEAR HEIGHTS	NORTH ABQ	NORTH VALLEY			
5 - Strongly agree	20%	17%	20%	20%	19%	23%	16%	24%	17%	31%	11%	16%	17%	20%	17%		
4	27%	23%	27%	28%	31%	26%	28%	26%	36%	24%	32%	27%	26%	29%	21%		
3	31%	32%	34%	31%	25%	33%	35%	28%	23%	26%	38%	31%	35%	37%	39%		
2	12%	12%	9%	12%	15%	11%	14%	10%	11%	9%	9%	16%	15%	10%	10%		
1 - Strongly disagree	8%	12%	7%	8%	7%	4%	7%	9%	11%	6%	8%	8%	5%	4%	9%		
Don't know/won't say	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	-	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	-	4%		
MEAN †	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.3		

† The mean score is derived by taking the average score based on the 5-point scale. The strongly agree response is assigned a value of 5, the strongly disagree response is assigned a value of 1, etc. The "don't know/won't say" responses are excluded from the calculation of the mean.

Residents were asked to rate how strongly they either agree or disagree that there is a 'sense of neighborhood' where they live, based on a 5-point scale where 5 is *strongly agree* and 1 is *strongly disagree*. Approximately half (47%) of residents feel a 'sense of neighborhood' in their community as indicated by a score of 4 or 5. One-in-five residents do not believe there is a 'sense of neighborhood' where they live and 31% have a neutral opinion.

*Age:* As age increases, so too does one's feeling that there is a sense of community in their neighborhood.

*CPA:* Residents of the Mid-Heights are most apt to *strongly agree* that there is a sense of community in their neighborhood (31%) whereas East Gateway residents

are least inclined to *strongly agree* (11%).



### Definition of ‘Sense of Neighborhood’

UNDAIDED RESPONSES

*Question 8: Please tell me what a 'sense of neighborhood' means to you?*

	JULY SAMPLE (N =	JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)
		Neighborhood watch *
Caring neighbors	60%	Tiny community *
Neighbors socializing	38%	Friendly *
Residents' involvement in neighborhood	35%	Length of time there *
Long-time neighbors	13%	
		Neighborhood association *
Care given to appearance of neighborhood	11%	Beautification *
Helping/looking out for each other	7%	Disciplined/controlled children *
People walking on streets/visible	4%	Businesses nearby *
Low crime rate	3%	
		Location near good schools *
Connectedness with neighbors	2%	Grocery stores *
Safety/feeling safe and secure	2%	A decent place to live *
Trust	1%	Safe schools *
Quiet	1%	
		Gated community *
Sense of privacy/respect	1%	Involvement in school issues *
Nearby work/job	*	Less traffic *
No drugs	*	Don't know/won't say 7%
More families	*	

\* Less than 1% reported.

*Note: The sum of the percentages exceeds 100% due to multiple responses.*

When asked what a ‘sense of neighborhood’ means to them, three-fifths of area residents say it means caring neighbors, while 38% say it means neighbors socializing and 35% think of residents’ involvement in the neighborhood. Other common associations with a ‘sense of neighborhood’ include: long-time neighbors (13%), care given to appearance of neighborhood (11%) and helping each other out (7%).

## Primary Problem Facing Neighborhood Residents

(UNAIDED RESPONSES)

Question 9: What is the single biggest problem facing residents of your neighborhood today? What else?

	JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)		JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)		JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)		JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)
<b><u>Crime/Personal Safety</u></b>		<b><u>Infrastructure</u></b> (continued)		<b><u>Government/Education/Services</u></b> (cont.)		<b><u>Neighbors/Neighborhood Characteristics</u></b>	
Crime rate is high	20%	Utilities high	*	Homeowners association	*	People are not friendly	3%
Speeding	6%	Traffic noise	*	Overcrowded schools	*	Trash	1%
Drugs/dealers	4%	Sidewalks missing/in disrepair	*	Too much government intervention	*	No neighborhood involvement	1%
Gangs	4%	Too few bridges over the Rio Grande	*	Trash collection	*	Indifference/empathy	1%
Vandalism	3%	Dirt roads/lack of paved roads	*	Historic buildings being demolished	*	Family problems	1%
Graffiti	3%	Lead and Coal Traffic	*	Same services in all areas of ABQ.	*	Lack of communication	*
Dogs/loose pets	1%	Sewers	*	Welfare out of control	*	Constant changing of neighbors	*
Homelessness is high	1%	Rocks in streets/window dings	*	Zoning laws/policies	*	Age	*
Poor lighting	1%	Montano bridge	*	Lack of money for parks with trees	*	As neighborhood ages, poor people move in	*
Domestic/family violence	1%	Poor access to Internet	*	Politics	*		
Police/don't respond/lack of presence	1%	Infrastructure deteriorating	*	Not business friendly	*	No fast food places	*
Kids using streets as playgrounds	1%	Infrastructure growth for utilities	*	School dropouts	*	Baseball park in neighborhood	*
Need more police/cops	*			School boundaries	*	Neighbor has used car business at home	*
Not safe	*	<b><u>Economic Issues</u></b>		Lack of post office	*		
Children not safe at play outside	*	Taxes are high/unreasonable	2%			<b><u>Other</u></b>	
DWI rate is high	*	Too many rentals/apartments	1%	<b><u>Growth/Planning</u></b>		Lack of youth activities	1%
Teenage crime	*	Cost of living is high/unreasonable	1%	Land development out of control	1%	Lack of discipline	1%
Laws not enforced	*	Cost of housing is high/unreasonable	1%	Growing too big/too fast	1%	Need to fix up Central	*
Violence	*	Low wages	1%	Partially built	*	Buildings abandoned	*
Drunks	*	Good jobs are unavailable/few	*	Houses too close together	*	Lack of parental involvement	*
Prostitution	*	Economy	*	Lack of master planning	*	Cultural diversity/lack of events	*
Teenagers cruising Central NW	*	Poverty	*	Too many green spaces	*	City looks dumpy	*
Curfew hours need enforcing	*	Keeping property values up	*	Empty lots	*	Too many young people/kids	*
School violence	*	Low income housing/special situations	*			We're backwards	*
Teens hanging out	*	Worry that place will be sold	*	<b><u>Environmental Issues</u></b>		Too many people	*
Panhandling	*	Environmental impact fees	*	Noise	4%	Nob Hill - good and bad	*
Neighborhoods unaware of sex offenders	*	Prescription drugs for seniors	*	Lack of landscaping/vegetation	1%	Industrial area - uptown	*
Mail theft	*	Economic diversity	*	Construction/dirt and dust	1%	Petty people	*
Uncontrolled intersections	*	Gambling	*	Lack of water/water supply	*	Illegal aliens	*
Gun laws	*	Losing jobs	*	Lack of pest control	*	Lack of God in homes	*
Teen drinking	*	Unemployment high	*	Blowing sand	*	Not enough volunteers checking on seniors	*
				Ground water pollution/contamination	*	Property problem with Sandia Pueblo	*
<b><u>Infrastructure</u></b>		<b><u>Government/Education/Services</u></b>		Environment/polluted air/water	*		
Traffic congestion	8%	Weed ord. not enforced/property upkeep	2%	Too many pigeons	*	Nothing/no drawbacks	21%
Roads/streets/highways/ poor	2%	Educational system is poor	2%	Trees out of control	*	Don't know/won't say	10%
Orange barrels/constant repairs	1%	Lack of recreation facilities/parks	1%	Recycling	*		
Lack of good city transit	1%	Gov./pol. leadership incompetent	1%	Cockroaches	*		
Big I construction	1%	The mayor	*	Moths	*		
No parking	*			Water waste	*		

\* Less than 1% reported.

Note: The sum of the percentages exceeds 100% due to multiple responses.

When asked what is the single biggest problem facing residents in their neighborhood today, 20% say the crime rate is high, while 8% mention traffic congestion and 6% mention speeding. No other problem was specifically mentioned by more than 4% of respondents. One-in-five residents say there are no big problems in their neighborhood and 10% did not offer a response.

*CPA:* One-third of residents in the Central Albuquerque CPA and 27% of Near Heights residents say crime is the biggest problem in the neighborhood. One-in-five North Valley residents mention traffic congestion.

## Noticed a Decline in Appearance of Neighborhood Properties

Question 10: In your neighborhood, have you noticed in the last year a decline in the appearance of properties?

JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)	GENDER		AGE				ETHNICITY		ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME					LENGTH OF ABQ. RESIDENCY				
	MALE	FEMALE	18 TO 34	35 TO 49	50 TO 64	65 YEARS	HISPANIC	ANGLO	LESS	\$20,000	\$35,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	5 YEARS	6 TO 9	10 TO 19	20 YEARS	
			YEARS	YEARS	YEARS	AND OVER			THAN	TO	TO	TO			OR MORE	OR LESS	YEARS	YEARS
Yes - Have noticed decline	25%	23%	28%	23%	24%	25%	31%	27%	24%	27%	30%	23%	28%	16%	16%	15%	23%	30%
No - Have not noticed decline	73%	76%	70%	74%	75%	74%	66%	71%	75%	70%	68%	76%	71%	84%	81%	85%	76%	68%
Don't know/won't say	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	-	3%	-	1%	2%

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Yes - Have noticed decline	25%	30%	27%	26%	21%	21%	24%	24%	14%	25%	32%	30%	22%	22%	29%		
No - Have not noticed decline	73%	70%	71%	71%	78%	77%	74%	74%	85%	74%	67%	67%	78%	76%	68%		
Don't know/won't say	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	*	2%	1%	3%	-	3%	3%		

\* Less than 1% reported.

One-quarter of area residents say they have noticed a decline in the appearance of properties in their neighborhood over the past year. Residents who are more apt to say they have noticed a decline include:

- those 65 and over (31%);
- those who have lived in Albuquerque for 20 years or more (30%); and
- East Gateway residents (32%) and Near Heights residents (30%) as compared to residents in the Foothills (14%).

## Noticed Neighborhood Owner-Occupied Homes Turning Into Rentals

*Question 11: In your neighborhood, have you noticed in the last year that owner-occupied homes are turning into rentals?*

	<i>JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)</i>	GENDER		AGE				ETHNICITY		ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME					LENGTH OF ABQ. RESIDENCY			
		<i>MALE</i>	<i>FEMALE</i>	<i>18 TO 34 YEARS</i>	<i>35 TO 49 YEARS</i>	<i>50 TO 64 YEARS</i>	<i>65 YEARS AND OVER</i>	<i>HISPANIC</i>	<i>ANGLO</i>	<i>LESS THAN \$20,000</i>	<i>\$20,000 TO \$35,000</i>	<i>\$35,000 TO \$50,000</i>	<i>\$50,000 TO \$75,000</i>	<i>\$75,000 OR MORE</i>	<i>5 YEARS OR LESS</i>	<i>6 TO 9 YEARS</i>	<i>10 TO 19 YEARS</i>	<i>20 YEARS OR MORE</i>
Yes - Have noticed owner-occupied homes turning into rentals	<b>34%</b>	30%	37%	34%	37%	28%	36%	35%	32%	33%	40%	34%	36%	24%	30%	25%	34%	35%
No - Have not noticed owner-occupied homes turning into rentals	<b>62%</b>	67%	59%	58%	62%	68%	60%	62%	64%	59%	54%	65%	61%	74%	62%	69%	63%	61%
Don't know/won't say	<b>4%</b>	3%	4%	8%	1%	4%	4%	3%	4%	8%	6%	1%	4%	2%	8%	5%	2%	3%

  

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		<i>SOME H.S. OR LESS</i>	<i>H.S. GRAD.</i>	<i>SOME COLL./ ASSOC.</i>	<i>COLL. GRAD.</i>	<i>GRAD. WORK OR DEGREE</i>	<i>CENTRAL ABQ</i>	<i>WEST- SIDE</i>	<i>FOOT- HILLS</i>	<i>MID- HEIGHTS</i>	<i>EAST GATEWAY</i>	<i>NEAR HEIGHTS</i>	<i>NORTH ABQ</i>	<i>NORTH VALLEY</i>	<i>SW MESA/ SOUTH VALLEY</i>
Yes - Have noticed owner-occupied homes turning into rentals	<b>34%</b>	34%	36%	37%	33%	19%	31%	37%	24%	36%	31%	43%	32%	32%	26%
No - Have not noticed owner-occupied homes turning into rentals	<b>62%</b>	62%	60%	58%	64%	77%	62%	61%	71%	62%	65%	52%	65%	66%	69%
Don't know/won't say	<b>4%</b>	4%	4%	5%	2%	4%	7%	2%	5%	3%	5%	5%	3%	2%	5%

One-third (34%) of city residents have noticed that owner-occupied homes have turned into rentals in the past year. Residents who are more apt to say they have noticed that owner-occupied homes are turning into rentals include:

- women (37%) as compared to men (30%);
- those earning less than \$75,000 (36%) as compared to those with higher income (24%);
- those who have not attended graduate school (35%) as compared to those who have (19%); and
- residents of the Near Heights (43%).

## Evaluation of General Upkeep/Appearance of Neighborhood Homes &amp; Apartments

*Question 12: How do you rate the general upkeep and appearance of the homes and apartments in your neighborhood? Are they excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor?*

## 2001 DEMOGRAPHIC VARIANCES

	OCT. 1999 SAMPLE (N = 1509)	JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)	GENDER		AGE				ETHNICITY		ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME					LENGTH OF ABQ. RESIDENCY			
			MALE	FEMALE	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS AND OVER	HISPANIC	ANGLO	LESS THAN \$20,000	\$20,000 TO \$35,000	\$35,000 TO \$50,000	\$50,000 TO \$75,000	\$75,000 OR MORE	5 YEARS OR LESS	6 TO 9 YEARS	10 TO 19 YEARS	20 YEARS OR MORE
5 - Excellent	19%	<b>19%</b>	18%	20%	19%	18%	20%	23%	14%	24%	13%	11%	19%	27%	35%	25%	16%	24%	17%
4 - Good	52%	<b>52%</b>	53%	51%	52%	50%	53%	54%	49%	55%	46%	49%	57%	49%	51%	55%	56%	49%	51%
3 - Fair	21%	<b>22%</b>	23%	21%	21%	26%	20%	18%	28%	16%	32%	30%	18%	17%	12%	15%	20%	23%	24%
2 - Poor	6%	<b>4%</b>	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	3%	6%	3%	5%	6%	5%	6%	1%	3%	5%	2%	6%
1 - Very poor	1%	<b>2%</b>	1%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%	4%	1%	1%	-	*	2%	2%	3%
Don't know/won't say	1%	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	*
MEAN †	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.6	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.7

## 2001 DEMOGRAPHIC VARIANCES

	OCT. 1999 SAMPLE (N = 1509)	JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)	EDUCATION					COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA									
			SOME H.S. OR LESS	H.S. GRAD.	SOME COLL./ ASSOC.	COLL. GRAD.	GRAD. WORK OR DEGREE	CENTRAL ABQ	WEST- SIDE	FOOT- HILLS	MID- HEIGHTS	EAST GATEWAY	NEAR HEIGHTS	NORTH ABQ	NORTH VALLEY	SW MESA/ SOUTH VALLEY	
5 - Excellent	19%	19%	13%	14%	21%	20%	35%	12%	32%	31%	20%	18%	8%	28%	16%	9%	
4 - Good	52%	52%	49%	53%	50%	57%	51%	47%	52%	56%	58%	54%	47%	53%	47%	49%	
3 - Fair	21%	22%	28%	26%	22%	18%	11%	27%	13%	12%	16%	23%	34%	15%	32%	30%	
2 - Poor	6%	4%	6%	5%	4%	4%	2%	11%	3%	*	4%	5%	5%	2%	4%	8%	
1 - Very poor	1%	2%	4%	2%	3%	1%	-	3%	-	-	2%	-	6%	2%	1%	5%	
Don't know/won't say	1%	*	-	-	*	-	1%	-	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	
MEAN †	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.2	3.5	4.1	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.5	

\* Less than 1% reported.

† The mean score is derived by taking the average score based on the five-point scale. The excellent response is assigned a value of 5, the good response is assigned a value of 4, etc. The "don't know/won't say" responses are excluded from the calculation of the mean.



When asked about the general upkeep and appearance of the homes and apartments in their neighborhood 19% characterize them as being *excellent* and 52% feel the upkeep is *good*. Twenty-two percent of residents feel the general upkeep and appearance of the homes/apartments in their neighborhood are *fair*, while 6% give *poor* or *very poor* ratings.

*Ethnicity:* Anglos are more inclined than Hispanics to rate the upkeep of homes and apartments as either *good* or *excellent* (79% and 63%, respectively).

*CPA:* Residents of the Foothills (87%) and Westside (84%) are most likely to rate the upkeep of their neighborhood as being *good* or *excellent* while Near Heights residents (55%) are least apt to do so.

*Comparison to Previous Study:* The percentage of residents who evaluate their residents as being *good* or *excellent* is identical to those observed in the previous study.



## Crime in Your Neighborhood in the Past Year

*Question 13: In the past year, do you think crime in your neighborhood has increased, decreased or stayed the same?*

2001 DEMOGRAPHIC VARIANCES																			
	OCT. 1999 SAMPLE (N = 1509)	JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)	GENDER		AGE				ETHNICITY		ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME					LENGTH OF ABQ. RESIDENCY			
			MALE	FEMALE	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS AND OVER	HISPANIC	ANGLO	LESS	\$20,000	\$35,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	5 YEARS OR LESS	6 TO 9 YEARS	10 TO 19 YEARS	20 YEARS OR MORE
											THAN	TO	TO	TO	OR MORE				
											\$20,000	\$35,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	OR MORE				
Increased	21%	23%	21%	24%	21%	29%	22%	14%	21%	24%	22%	27%	23%	22%	22%	17%	34%	26%	22%
Stayed the same	60%	60%	62%	58%	59%	57%	61%	66%	60%	62%	55%	56%	65%	61%	66%	59%	53%	56%	63%
Decreased	14%	12%	13%	12%	15%	10%	14%	11%	15%	9%	14%	14%	10%	12%	9%	14%	10%	13%	12%
Don't know/won't say	5%	5%	3%	6%	5%	4%	3%	9%	4%	5%	9%	3%	1%	5%	2%	11%	3%	5%	3%

2001 DEMOGRAPHIC VARIANCES																	
	OCT. 1999 SAMPLE (N = 1509)	JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)	EDUCATION					COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA									
			SOME H.S. OR LESS	H.S. GRAD.	SOME COLL./ ASSOC.	COLL. GRAD.	GRAD. WORK OR DEGREE	CENTRAL ABQ	WEST- SIDE	FOOT- HILLS	MID- HEIGHTS	EAST GATEWAY	NEAR HEIGHTS	NORTH ABQ	NORTH VALLEY	SW MESA/ SOUTH VALLEY	
Increased	21%	23%	21%	19%	25%	26%	22%	22%	25%	21%	23%	18%	27%	25%	15%	22%	
Stayed the same	60%	60%	56%	61%	59%	63%	61%	50%	63%	70%	62%	69%	40%	66%	68%	63%	
Decreased	14%	12%	18%	16%	12%	7%	8%	23%	7%	6%	15%	10%	18%	9%	15%	12%	
Don't know/won't say	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	9%	5%	5%	4%	1%	3%	14%	1%	2%	4%	

Approximately one-quarter (23%) of residents feel crime in their neighborhood has increased in the past year while 12% believe it has decreased and three-fifths believe crime has stayed about the same.

*Age:* One-quarter of residents under the age of 65 feel crime in their neighborhood has increased as compared to 14% of seniors.

*Comparison to Previous Study:* Overall, there is little change in residents' perceptions of crime in their neighborhood.

### Personal Safety Being Out in Neighborhood at Night

*Question 14: In your neighborhood, how do you feel about being outside at night by yourself? Do you feel very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe, or very unsafe?*

#### 2001 DEMOGRAPHIC VARIANCES

	OCT. 1999 SAMPLE (N = 1509)	JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)	GENDER		AGE				ETHNICITY		ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME					LENGTH OF ABQ. RESIDENCY			
			MALE	FEMALE	18 TO 34	35 TO 49	50 TO 64	65 YEARS	HISPANIC	ANGLO	LESS THAN \$20,000	\$20,000 TO \$35,000	\$35,000 TO \$50,000	\$50,000 TO \$75,000	\$75,000 OR MORE	5 YEARS OR LESS	6 TO 9 YEARS	10 TO 19 YEARS	20 YEARS OR MORE
					YEARS	YEARS	YEARS	AND OVER											
Very safe	30%	<b>32%</b>	43%	22%	35%	32%	34%	28%	31%	33%	18%	25%	33%	41%	54%	33%	30%	38%	31%
Somewhat safe	41%	<b>40%</b>	43%	38%	42%	45%	38%	33%	43%	39%	44%	50%	43%	38%	34%	43%	34%	40%	41%
Somewhat unsafe	17%	<b>16%</b>	9%	23%	15%	15%	16%	20%	13%	18%	16%	15%	18%	16%	10%	17%	23%	15%	15%
Very unsafe	11%	<b>10%</b>	4%	15%	8%	8%	11%	14%	12%	9%	19%	9%	5%	6%	2%	6%	11%	6%	12%
Don't know/won't say	1%	<b>1%</b>	*	2%	1%	1%	1%	5%	1%	2%	3%	2%	-	-	-	2%	3%	*	1%

#### 2001 DEMOGRAPHIC VARIANCES

	OCT. 1999 SAMPLE (N = 1509)	JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)	EDUCATION					COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA									
			SOME H.S. OR LESS	H.S. GRAD.	SOME COLL./ ASSOC.	COLL. GRAD.	GRAD. WORK OR DEGREE	CENTRAL ABQ	WEST- SIDE	FOOT- HILLS	MID- HEIGHTS	EAST GATEWAY	NEAR HEIGHTS	NORTH ABQ	NORTH VALLEY	SW MESA/ SOUTH VALLEY	
Very safe	30%	32%	25%	30%	28%	40%	43%	17%	41%	43%	38%	29%	20%	35%	35%	24%	
Somewhat safe	41%	40%	40%	44%	43%	35%	34%	44%	44%	34%	35%	41%	38%	46%	48%	45%	
Somewhat unsafe	17%	16%	19%	13%	18%	15%	18%	21%	10%	18%	16%	19%	24%	13%	9%	13%	
Very unsafe	11%	10%	13%	12%	9%	9%	5%	18%	3%	3%	9%	8%	17%	5%	7%	18%	
Don't know/won't say	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	*	-	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	-	

\* Less than 1% reported.

Approximately three-quarters of area residents say they either feel *somewhat safe* (40%) or *very safe* (32%) about being alone outside in their neighborhood at night. However, one-in-four residents say they feel either *somewhat unsafe* (16%) or *very unsafe* (10%).

Residents who are more apt to say they feel *somewhat* or *very unsafe* include:

- women (38%) as compared to men (13%);
- residents age 65 and over (34%) as compared to those under 50 (23%); and

- residents of the Near Heights (41%) and Central Albuquerque CPA (39%).

### Personal Safety Being Out in Neighborhood During the Day

*Question 15: In your neighborhood, how do you feel about being outside during the day by yourself? Do you feel very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe, or very unsafe?*

2001 DEMOGRAPHIC VARIANCES																			
	OCT. 1999 SAMPLE (N = 1509)	JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)	GENDER		AGE				ETHNICITY		ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME					LENGTH OF ABQ. RESIDENCY			
			MALE	FEMALE	18 TO 34 YEARS	35 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS AND OVER	HISPANIC	ANGLO	LESS THAN \$20,000	\$20,000 TO \$35,000	\$35,000 TO \$50,000	\$50,000 TO \$75,000	\$75,000 OR MORE	5 YEARS OR LESS	6 TO 9 YEARS	10 TO 19 YEARS	20 YEARS OR MORE
Very safe	66%	<b>76%</b>	80%	72%	78%	76%	75%	77%	71%	78%	63%	79%	81%	78%	84%	77%	71%	84%	73%
Somewhat safe	28%	<b>21%</b>	18%	23%	18%	21%	23%	19%	26%	17%	29%	18%	16%	20%	15%	20%	26%	15%	22%
Somewhat unsafe	4%	<b>2%</b>	1%	4%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	5%	2%	3%	2%	*	3%	1%	1%	3%
Very unsafe	1%	<b>1%</b>	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	-	-	-	-	2%	*	1%
Don't know/won't say	1%	*	*	*	1%	-	*	1%	*	*	-	*	1%	-	*	1%	-	-	*

2001 DEMOGRAPHIC VARIANCES																	
	OCT. 1999 SAMPLE (N = 1509)	JULY 2001 SAMPLE (N = 1352)	EDUCATION					COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA									
			SOME H.S. OR LESS	H.S. GRAD.	SOME COLL./ ASSOC.	COLL. GRAD.	GRAD. WORK OR DEGREE	CENTRAL ABQ	WEST- SIDE	FOOT- HILLS	MID- HEIGHTS	EAST GATEWAY	NEAR HEIGHTS	NORTH ABQ	NORTH VALLEY	SW MESA/ SOUTH VALLEY	
Very safe	66%	76%	71%	73%	74%	79%	86%	62%	83%	79%	80%	72%	77%	73%	81%	63%	
Somewhat safe	28%	21%	25%	22%	22%	17%	12%	31%	16%	19%	19%	25%	16%	24%	17%	30%	
Somewhat unsafe	4%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	1%	5%	1%	1%	1%	3%	5%	1%	2%	4%	
Very unsafe	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	-	2%	-	-	1%	-	2%	2%	-	2%	
Don't know/won't say	1%	*	-	-	*	1%	-	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	

\* Less than 1% reported.

Three-quarters (76%) of area residents say they feel *very safe* being outside in their neighborhood during the day and 21% say they feel *somewhat safe*. Three percent of residents do not feel safe when alone outside during the day.

*Comparison to Previous Study:* The 76% of residents who feel *very safe* being outside during the day in their neighborhood is an increase from 66% observed in the previous study.